

Serial No. 10/669,862**Atty. Doc. No. 2003P14536US****REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 8 and added new claim 20. Thus, claims 8-20 are pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Claim Objections:

The Examiner has objected to claim 8 due to an informality. Applicant has amended claim 8 to correct such informality as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 8.

Response To Rejections Under Section 102:

Claims 8, 9 and 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner contending that these claims are obvious over Herron (UPSN 6,343,251) in view of Henry (USPN 6,845,306). The Examiner apparently reads Herron as disclosing Applicants' claimed invention except for marking the turbine components, and reads Henry as disclosing marking the turbine components. Applicants have amended independent claim 8 to clarify that turbine component tracking method recites that the components are marked with indicia applied to a surface of the components. See e.g. page 5 line 22- page 6 line 9. In contrast, Henry embeds a computer chip within the LRU components. Col. 2 lines 42-43, which necessary for the delicate computer chip to withstand the high turbine temperatures.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner contending that these claims are obvious over Herron (UPSN 6,343,251) in view of Henry (USPN 6,845,306) and further in view of Isobe (USPN 6,636,813). The Examiner apparently reads Herron and Henry as above, and reads Isobe as disclosing that the marking identifies a material composition from which at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured, referencing col. 3 lines 6-27 and 49-63. Applicants respectfully submit Isobe is completely unrelated to component markings, let alone disclosing that markings identify a material composition from which at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured. Rather, Isobe discloses a service life management system that helps detect realtime component damage.

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Dependent claims 9-20 are also patentable based on their dependency from independent claim 8 as well as their own merit. For example, new claim 20 recites that the markings are readable by a human looking at the surface of the component.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the Section 103 rejections.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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